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(SBU) PolCouns raised the question of a Moroccan contribution to reinforce the MINUSTAH mission with MFA Director General for Multilateral Cooperation Nasser Bourita Feb. 5, noting that Morocco had contributed to MINUSTAH until 2006. Bourita said that Morocco recognized the humanitarian crisis in Haiti and was pleased to have responded with a donation of medical supplies as a strictly humanitarian gesture. However, he said, the GOM would not contribute soldiers, gendarmes or police to MINUSTAH because of the Haitian government's 2006 decision to recognize and establish diplomatic ties with the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Rebublic (SADR).

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